

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Staff Sergeant  
Donald Myers, decorated Marine.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1       A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Staff Sergeant  
2       Donald Myers, decorated Marine.

3       *Whereas, Donald F. Myers enlisted into the United States*  
4       *Marine Corps in February of 1952, at the age of 17. He served*  
5       *as a Marine in the United States Armed Forces for 20 years;*

6       *Whereas, After enlistment, Ssgt. Myers served at Marine*  
7       *Barracks in Virginia until reaching the age of 18;*

8       *Whereas, During his enlistment, Ssgt. Myers served in*  
9       *Korea, Japan, Virginia, Vietnam, and Indianapolis. In*  
10       *Indianapolis, he worked on the Inspector-Instructor Staff and*  
11       *was the Marine Liaison Non-Commissioned Officer at Fort*  
12       *Harrison;*

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14       *Whereas, Through his two decade duration as a Marine, he*  
15       *traveled the world putting his life at risk not only for his*  
16       *beloved country but also for its people. He was among the few*  
17       *to have experienced both the Korean and Vietnam Wars*  
18       *firsthand;*

19       *Whereas, Ssgt. Myers earned numerous accomplishments for his*



1 *service and valor and has been regarded as one of Indiana's most*  
 2 *decorated Vietnam War veterans. He was honored with five Purple*  
 3 *Hearts, two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars which are distinguished*  
 4 *for valor, the Navy Commendation Medal, also distinguished for*  
 5 *valor, and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. Ssgt. Myers'*  
 6 *record is nothing less than amazing;*

7 *Whereas, Even in his youth, Ssgt. Myers displayed the*  
 8 *characteristics of an honorable man. He dedicated many years to the*  
 9 *Boy Scouts of America, working his way to an Explorer Scout status*  
 10 *for Woodside Troop #35. Even at the rare level of an Explorer Scout*  
 11 *he continued to strive until finally receiving the rank of a Life Scout.*  
 12 *After dedicating many years of his life to the Marines, Ssgt. Myers*  
 13 *would continue to do so until his passing on August 9, 2010;*

14 *Whereas, After 20 years of service, Ssgt. Myers was discharged*  
 15 *from the Marines, having survived an attack that left him*  
 16 *permanently blinded in one eye. After leaving the Marines, he*  
 17 *dedicated himself to the betterment of his community. That*  
 18 *dedication led to two Gold Distinguished Citizen Medals, presented*  
 19 *by the Marine Corps League;*

20 *Whereas, Ssgt. Myers was employed with the Veterans*  
 21 *Administration from 1973 to 1990 until he retired as a Senior*  
 22 *Counselor;*

23 *Whereas, Ssgt. Myers also contributed to voicing the concerns*  
 24 *of military veterans through his memberships in Veterans of Foreign*  
 25 *Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Indiana Guard Reserve Retired*  
 26 *Association, and several other organizations. Ssgt. Myers was at the*  
 27 *forefront of assisting those who have defended this great nation,*  
 28 *much like he had. With his military experience and insight he took it*  
 29 *upon himself to share his life story and raise awareness through*  
 30 *writing. Ssgt. Myers authored six books, one of which, "Your War My*  
 31 *War, A Marine in Vietnam", became a best seller among veterans*  
 32 *and won the DeAngelis Award for writing excellence;*

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 34 *Whereas, Through his hard work and dedication, Ssgt. Myers*  
 35 *continued to receive awards even upon retirement. Governor Evan*  
 36 *Bayh presented him with the Indiana Distinguished Service Medal*  
 37 *and Governor Mitch Daniels presented him with the Sagamore of the*



1 *Wabash, the second time he received the honor;*

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3 *Whereas, Ssgt. Myers was a man of valor and great character.*  
4 *He was a man of strength and unmatched courage; a man who was*  
5 *not scared of a fight; a man who would step up and take charge even*  
6 *as his commanders grew fearful. Even after countless struggles, Ssgt.*  
7 *Myers was ready to put up another fight. During his final years, he*  
8 *battled lung cancer for eight months;*

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10 *Whereas, Being such a decorated and honorable soldier, Ssgt.*  
11 *Myers was given one of the most beautiful burial ceremonies the*  
12 *state of Indiana has seen. The ceremony included large bright*  
13 *American flags outlining the mortuary's drive, 24 Patriot Guard*  
14 *motorcyclists, a flyover of two C-130 cargo planes, Indianapolis*  
15 *Mayor Greg Ballard and more than 200 other individuals honoring*  
16 *their fallen brother;*

17 *Whereas, Ssgt. Myers was also honored by Governor Mitch*  
18 *Daniels, who sent his family a letter of condolence;*

19 *Whereas, Ssgt. Myers is survived by this devoted wife of 41*  
20 *years, Dorothy C. (Renforth) Myers; his daughters, Mary F. Myers-*  
21 *Kramp and Catherine J. Myers-Wilcher; grandchildren, Hannah*  
22 *Kramp, Alec Wilcher, Evan Wilcher, and Cory Wilcher. Survivors*  
23 *from a previous marriage include sons, Kenneth and Michael;*  
24 *daughter, Donna R. Melton; and several grandchildren and great-*  
25 *grandchildren;*

26 *Whereas, Staff Sergeant Donald Myers was a man beyond*  
27 *description. He was a soldier, husband, and father, but more*  
28 *importantly, a role model for us all. He is a perfect example of what*  
29 *people are capable of when they strive for greatness: Therefore,*  
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31 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
32 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

33 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate memorializes Ssgt. Donald  
34 F. Myers, decorated Marine.

35 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
36 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Dorothy C. Myers, Mary F. Myers-



- 1 Kramp, Catherine J. Myers-Wilcher, Alec D. Wilcher, Evan J. Wilcher,
- 2 Cory M. Wilcher, Hannah F. Kramp, and the Hiram I. Bearss
- 3 Detachment, Marine Corps League of Indianapolis.

